

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES CARL
ASCHBACHER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, to recognize the life and legacy of a beloved member of our community on the central coast of California. James Carl Aschbacher passed away on April 25, 2018 with his wife and several dear friends at his side. While his time on this earth may seem short at 66 years, those who knew him understand that he was someone who made the most out of every moment given to him by following his passion and serving his community.

Born October 9, 1951 in Evanston, IL, James began his career as the proprietor of Atlantis FantasyWorld Comic Book Store with his partner, Joe Ferrara. At the age of 40, James discovered his passion for art and gave up retail to pursue art full time. As many talented artists are, James was entirely self-taught and quickly created a positive reputation for his whimsical and distinct style within the Santa Cruz arts community. He created numerous amazing works of art, but was perhaps known best for his pieces involving figures and animals surrounded by magical symbols.

James also found ways to use his unique talents to serve his community. He was a popular Open Studios artist for over 25 years, and the Chair of the Open Studios Committee for the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County. In addition, he devoted himself to arts education by leading 4th and 5th grade students to create murals at various elementary schools in Santa Cruz County where he helped students to create and paint their own creatures.

James had a genuine love for Santa Cruz and its residents, and the feeling was mutual. Those of us lucky enough to have met or spent time with him remember his enduring kindness, generosity, good humor and work ethic. In life, every day was a celebration for James. We, as a community, celebrate his legacy and a life well lived. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join us in honoring the life of James Carl Aschbacher.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBI AND NEAL
NATION

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Debbi and Neal Nation of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 27, 2018.

Debbi and Neal's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

JUDGE ALLAN VOGELSON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Honorable Judge M. Allan Vogelston of Cherry Hill, Camden County, located in the First Congressional District of the Great State of New Jersey, for his decades of public service.

The Honorable Judge Vogelston served as the Camden County Presiding Judge for the Camden County Superior Court, for more than twelve years. For eight years, he served as Presiding Judge, for the Camden County Superior Court, Civil Division and subsequently appointed to preside over the Camden County Superior Court, Chancery Division.

Prior to serving as Presiding Judge for the Camden County Superior Court, Judge Vogelston served as the Assistant Prosecutor for Camden County and in 1971 elected as a freeholder to the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, with tenure as the Freeholder Director.

In the community he both loved and called home, Judge Vogelston served with distinction: on the New Jersey State Legislature Reappointment Committee, as a member of the Camden County College Board of Trustees, and on the Board of Trustees of the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County, New Jersey.

Judge Vogelston was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, forerunner, role model and exceptional public servant who was a tireless advocate for others, and is deeply missed. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join with me in mourning the loss and honoring the legacy of the late Honorable Judge M. Allan Vogelston.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF ARTHUR GASKINS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Danville resident, Mr. Arthur 'Art' Gaskins.

Art was born on August 29, 1918 in Lufkin, Texas to parents Winnie Davis Allwine and Arthur Earl Gaskins. He attended John Tarleton College in Texas and joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. After completing two years at John Tarleton College, Art enlisted in the Army where he assumed the rank of Corporal and was assigned to Fort Knox for armored training. He was later promoted to Company Commander of the Army and sent to Cavalry School in Fort Riley to study advanced tactics. He went on to serve in Europe during World War II and was tasked with maintaining the emergency communications system for his combat division, which earned him a Bronze Star Medal.

After he retired from active duty in December 1946, Art lived for many years in San Leandro before moving to Danville. Art was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 75 and a docent coordinator volunteer for the military museum at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley. He continued to serve his community until his unexpected passing on June 17, 2018.

Art is survived by his daughter Lynne, stepdaughter Sharon (Jeff), grandchildren Jennifer (Ross), Scott (Annabelle), Lindsay (Kristopher), and Thomas, and his great grandchildren Jordan, Grant, Kacey, Tanner, Maxwell, and Kellan.

He will be sincerely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, and will be remembered for his endless service to this country.

COMMENDING VIRGINIA STATE
UNIVERSITY FOR WINNING THE
'HBCU OF THE YEAR' AWARD

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Virginia State University for being named the 'HBCU of the Year' by HBCU Digest.

Founded in 1882, Virginia State University, also known as Virginia State, is a historically black public land-grant university located in Ettrick, Virginia. Virginia State was the United States' first fully state-supported four-year college for African-Americans and is a member school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

Virginia State is a renowned institution of higher learning, producing impressive, highly-qualified graduates in a variety of important fields—including agriculture, education, and business. Virginia State is an acclaimed institution for attracting and retaining first-time college students, helping to open opportunities to communities of color across the country and expanding access to well-paying, 21st century jobs. Virginia State also boasts a variety of impressive and decorated athletic programs.

Virginia State, over its rich 116-year existence, has been distinguished by an impressive and influential faculty and administration.

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John Mercer Langston, the first African-American member of Congress from Virginia, served as Virginia State's first president. Dr. Makola Abdullah, the 14th and current president, is the youngest African American ever to receive a Ph.D. in engineering.

I call on my colleagues to join me in celebrating Virginia State University's receipt of this momentous award in recognition of its invaluable contributions to Virginia and the entire nation.

TRIBUTE TO CLARK V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of *Clark v. Board of Directors*. The decision *Clark v. Board of Directors* rejected segregation and race discrimination and helped advance civil rights in the United States. Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa will be hosting a commemorative celebration.

Susan Clark, a 12-year-old African-American girl was denied admission to her neighborhood public school based on her race. In 1868, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled in favor of Susan Clark, declaring that, "separate but equal" was unconstitutional according to the equality provisions of the Iowa Constitution. *Clark v. Board of Directors* is considered a landmark decision made 86 years before the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. Russell Lovell, a Drake University emeritus law professor, said, "*Clark v. Board of Directors* was one of the most important court cases in our history. The decision continues to be vital and relevant today—not only in its rejection of segregation and racial discrimination, but also as a leading precedent for the Iowa Supreme Court's independent constitutional analysis."

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 150th anniversary of *Clark v. Board of Directors* because of the important role this decision has played in our history to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in celebrating this monumental decision.

CONGRATULATING SKYWEST AIRLINES ON BEGINNING ITS SERVICE AT PLATTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate SkyWest Airlines on beginning its round-trip service between Plattsburgh, New York, and Washington Dulles.

On March 20, 2018, SkyWest won approval from the U.S. Department of Transportation to become the new Essential Air Services Provider at Plattsburgh International Airport. SkyWest, branded as United Express, will offer 12 round-trip flights a week to and from

Washington Dulles International Airport. This new connection between the Washington metropolitan area and the North Country will serve employers and institutions for business travel, foster tourism in the Adirondacks, and link Plattsburgh with the rest of the world through greater access to international flights. SkyWest will also proudly take over as the flight provider for the North Country Honor Flight to continue serving North Country veterans and their families.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to welcome SkyWest to Plattsburgh International Airport and to the North Country, and wish them the best of luck as they begin this important service to Northern New York. This connection presents a major opportunity for the community, and I look forward to seeing the economic development that it will bring to the region.

HONORING MR. GILLIE CASTILLO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gillie Castillo, whose career included service to our country as well as to the City of Albuquerque. Mr. Castillo is a beloved member of our community filled with unconditional love who makes friends everywhere he goes.

Born in Valencia, New Mexico in 1934, Mr. Castillo joined the Navy in 1952 and served during the Korean War as well as in the years that followed. Part of his service took place on the USS *Randolph*, an Essex-Class aircraft carrier. Mr. Castillo completed his service in 1955, but to this day he remains deeply proud to be a veteran and appreciative of his opportunity to serve our country.

After returning home from the Navy, Mr. Castillo married Cathy Apodaca, who he met at a dance in 1954. The couple has been married for 63 years and has six children, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Mr. Castillo attends St. Anne Catholic Church in Albuquerque.

For years, Mr. Castillo worked for the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department. He began at the Los Altos Golf Course and went on to serve as a supervisor at the Arroyo Del Oso Golf Course, retiring in 1988. He also supervised the building of the Puerto Del Oso Golf Course. Mr. Castillo's work led him to develop a love for golf, and he often played five to seven times per week.

Mr. Castillo's passion for staying physically active also extended beyond golf. He was the coach of many of his son's baseball teams and attended all of his grandchildren's softball games. He also played and umpired in many senior softball leagues himself.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States and the City Albuquerque, I want to thank Mr. Gillie Castillo for his valuable service to our country and community, as well as for his friendship.

TRIBUTE TO S. S. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a special Iowa church congregation in Atlantic, Iowa. Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church celebrated Mass to commemorate its 125th anniversary on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

In 1870, Father Moynaghgan gathered families together and organized an Atlantic congregation. Father Edward Gaule became the first resident priest for the local parish in 1873. The Diocese of Des Moines was formed in 1911 and included southwest Iowa and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. The church has been through many changes and renovations, including new buildings, a rectory, and a Parish Center. On September 15, 2017, Father Chinnappan Devaraj became the current pastor and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church remains one of the bedrock institutions of this Iowa town.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the members of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church for their many years of faithful attendance and service to God. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and wishing the Church and the community of Atlantic nothing but joy in the years ahead.

DEATHS FROM GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans are dying from gun violence and this Congress continues to do nothing.

Gun violence in America has become a daily reality in our cities, in our suburbs and in rural communities, yet this Republican-controlled Congress does nothing.

Instead, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle offer their 'thoughts and prayers' on social media while collecting NRA checks with zero after zero on them.

Let me be clear, Mr. Speaker, money has poisoned our politics with deadly results. No other peer nation sees the level of gun violence that occurs in America—perhaps because our peer nations don't have a gun lobby dedicated to a dangerous and misguided 'gun everywhere, commonsense nowhere' agenda that kills Americans on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the names of 244 Americans, from just three Congressional districts: Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District, North Carolina's 13th Congressional District and North Dakota's At-Large Congressional District, who've been lost to gun violence in recent years.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 17TH DISTRICT

1. Michael Davis
2. Sharae Thompson
3. Xander Thompson, 3